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Allotment of oil-engines to Agriculturists in South Arcot district

* 234 *Q.*—Sri M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of oil-engines allotted to agriculturists in South Arcot district during the years 1952–53 and 1953–54;

(*b*) the maximum and minimum periods for which the oil-engines were allotted; and

(*c*) the total amount of hire charges paid by the above agriculturists in 1952–53 and 1953–54?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—

	1952–53.		1953–54.
" (*a*)	52	.. ..	49
(*b*)	Maximum period 425 days	..	273 days.
	Minimum period 3 days	..	2 days.
(*c*)	Rs. 32,124	.. .. ..	Rs. 13,794."

Sri M. ETHIRAJULU :—" இந்த ஜில்லாவிற்கு கொடுக்கப்பட்ட என்ஜின்களை தாலூக்கா வாரியாக விவசாயிகள் வாங்கிக்கொண்டு போகின்றார்கள். அப்படி வாங்கிக்கொண்டு போனபின்னர், ஏதாவது ரிப்பேர் ஏற்பட்டால் மறுபடியும் ஜில்லாவிற்கு கொண்டுவந்தால்தான், ரிப்பேர் செய்து கொடுக்க முடியுமென்று ஒரு நிபந்தனை சர்க்காரில் இருக்கிறது. அது விவசாயிகளுக்கு மிகவும் கஷ்டத்தை கொடுப்பதால், தாலுக்காவிலேயே உள்ள டெமான்ஸ்ரேட்டர் ஆபீசிலேயே மெக்கானிக்ஸ் ஒருவரை நியமித்து, ரிப்பேர் செய்துகொடுக்க சர்க்கார் உத்திர விடுவார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" அது சாத்தியப் படுமென்று எனக்குத் தோன்றவில்லை. இருந்தாலும் அதைப்பற்றி கவனிக்கிறேன்."

School of Arts and Crafts at Kumbakonam

* 235 *Q.*—Sri T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the School of Arts and Crafts at Kumbakonam is maintained by the municipality or Government or by both;

(*b*) if not maintained by Government, whether the Government have any proposal to bring the above institution entirely under the control of the Government for the benefit of Tanjore and Tiruchirappalli districts;

(*c*) whether it is at present administered by the Director of Public Instruction or the Director of Industries;

(*d*) what are the crafts and arts taught in that school apart from Drawing and Painting;

(*e*) how many inspections of the school were made by the authorities during the year 1953–54; and

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(f) whether the teachers therein are eligible for pension or provident fund?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The School of Arts and Crafts at Kumbakonam is maintained by the Municipality.

" (b) The School has been doing very good work and as such, there is no need for Government to take it over and run it as a Government Institution. In fact, this School is already catering to the need of Tanjore and Tiruchirappalli districts;

" (c) The School is administered by the Kumbakonam Municipality, subject to the general control and supervision of the Industries Department, it being an institution recognized and aided by the Industries Department.

" (d) Apart from Drawing and Painting, the following arts and crafts are taught in the School :—

(1) Design,

(2) Engraving,

(3) Enamelling, and

(4) Weaving.

" (e) The School was inspected by the Officers of the Industries Department twice during the year 1953–54.

" (f) The teachers are not eligible for pension. It is not known whether they are entitled to Provident Fund under the rules applicable to employees of local bodies."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Is there any proposal to open an Arts and Crafts School or Institute in any other district, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is no such proposal, Sir."

Re-employment of retired Gazetted Officers in this State

* 236 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased—

(a) to lay on the table of the House, a list showing the retired gazetted officers in this State who are under re-employment as on 1st November 1954 and the date of expiry of their term; and

(b) to state what steps have been taken by the Government to replace them by regular men in service?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) A list containing the information is placed on the table of the House.

" (b) Steps are usually taken, wherever possible, to replace the re-employed officers whether by direct recruitment of candidates or by promoting junior men if found suitable, or by training suitable persons as understudys who will replace re-employed officers after their term is over."

(a) Printed as Appendix I on pages 604—606 infra.